



One Hundred First Legislature - Second Session - 2010  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 965**

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**Chairperson:** Greg Adams  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** February 23, 2010

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 965 does two things:

- 1) It clarifies the Legislature's intent regarding how school board vacancies are filled.

If a vacancy occurs before the state primary election midway through a board member's term, and the school board appoints someone to fill that vacancy before the filing deadline for the primary election, then there will be an election to serve out the remaining two years of the term.

If a person is appointed after the filing deadline for the state primary election, then the person appointed will simply serve the remainder of the term.

- 2) It adds a requirement for determining Educational Service Unit board vacancies.

Currently, if a school board member has more than two consecutive unexcused absences from regularly scheduled board meetings, state law creates a vacancy in that position. LB 965 adds the same board vacancy determination for Educational Service Units.

**Principal Introducer:**

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